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In the Matter of the Application of: George D. Willis
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office action of February 28, 2006, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 28, 2006, please amend the application as follows. Attached is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply for one-month in the above identified application. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 501581.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.